



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 647**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY SERVING OVERSEAS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Military Department, in  
2       consultation with the Secretary of the State, shall develop a method for  
3       returning any ballot issued pursuant to section 9-153f of the general  
4       statutes that (1) may be used by any elector or applicant for admission  
5       as an elector who is a member of the armed forces and expects to be  
6       living or traveling outside the several states of the United States and  
7       the District of Columbia before and on election day, or such member's  
8       spouse or dependent if living where such member is stationed, (2)  
9       gives due consideration to the interests of maintaining the security of  
10      such ballot and the privacy of information contained on such ballot,  
11      and (3) guarantees the immediate receipt of such ballot if such method  
12      is properly utilized by such member or member's spouse or dependent  
13      prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the election or primary.  
14      Such method shall be adopted for use in any election or primary held  
15      on or after January 1, 2014.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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